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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Allen E. Quillen

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2. 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless – (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 - 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lavelle, et al, U.S. Patent 6,020,901.

3. Regarding claim 30, representative of claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13-16, 18-23, 25-29, 32-36, Lavelle discloses a method (a system, a program operable, or computer media with logic (*system and architecture, logic, applications*, Column 2, lines 29, 32, 30, 51)) for allocating memory space (*partitioned*, Column 2, line 43; Column 3, lines 45-47; Column 6, lines 61-62) comprising the steps of: providing a user (*SPARC workstation, mouse*, Column 1, lines 22-29; *computer assisted design, CAD*, Column 1, lines 14-17; *input devices*, Figures 1 and 2, element 20, column 1, line 36) with (then receiving and reading (*read and write state machines*, Column 5, lines 1-6)) a selectable option (a list of start up options (*Windows-based applications*, Column 5, lines 27-33; *PROM*, Column 3, lines 42-44), command line options (Column 2, line 43-52), and a default value overridable by the command line option (*two parallel paths, DP and AP*, Column 5, lines 7-25), corresponding to single or double buffered stereo memory allocations setting [appropriate] flags [for each] (*FIELD*, Column 7, line 33 through Column 8, line 34)) to allocate said memory space as a double (*quad*) buffered stereo or a single buffered stereo (Column 4,

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lines 18-29); and (determining to allocate then) allocating said memory space as one of said double buffered stereo and (or) said single buffered stereo in response to said selectable option (*FIELD*, Column 7, line 33 through Column 8, line 34); wherein the system, comprising: a processor; a memory unit coupled to said processor, wherein said memory unit is operable for storing a computer program operable for allocating memory space (see above); a display; a graphics adapter coupled to said display, wherein said graphics adapter is configured to control the rendering of text and images on said display, wherein said graphics adapter comprises a frame buffer configured to temporarily store one or more frames of data to be displayed on said display; and a bus coupling the processor to said graphics adapter; wherein the computer program is operable for performing the programming (see above; Figures 1 and 2, elements, 10, 110, 120, 30, 70', 60, *device bus, such as may be used with a computer system, e.g., a Sun Microsystems, Inc. SPARC workstation*, Column 1, 22-54; "*FFB ASIC*", Column 2, lines 35-36; *PROM*, Column 3, lines 31-39; Column 4, line 53).

4. Regarding claim 2, representative of claims 7, 12, 17, 24, 31, Lavelle discloses a method as recited in claim 1, wherein if said memory space is allocated for said single buffered stereo then a greater portion of said memory space is available for at least one of texture memory (Column 1, line 19) and off-screen cache (see above, Column 5, lines 6-14; Column 6, lines 11-30).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen E. Quillen whose telephone number is (703) 605-4584.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday – Friday, 8:30am – noon and 1:00 - 4:00pm.

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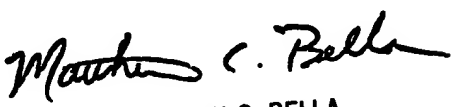
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